

January 9, 2008

To: Surface Transportation Board

From: Don Lewis

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I am writing this to add my voice to the opposition of the purchase of the E, J and E Railroad by Canadian National.

I live in a townhouse/apartment complex that is parallel to the E, J and E's track. My unit is very close to being 100 feet from the center of the tracks. Others are as close.

I moved here nine years ago and there were about two trains a day. This was of no concern to me as I grew up in a small village where there were two trains a day very near my house. Here the train traffic has increased to 4 or 5 per day and each one has many more cars. They have become more of a nuisance than a reminder of my childhood.

From an economic standpoint I and the rest of the residents will have a very hard time selling our unit. We already have 3 townhouse units vacant and the increase in the number of trains per day would only increase this number.

Another huge factor which only adds to the dilemma is the traffic congestion. We would have difficulties getting out of our drive as the traffic would constantly be backed up as the trains cross Highway 14.

I sincerely hope that you deny this purchase not only for the sake of our 81 families but for the village of Barrington as a whole.

Don Lewis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Don Lewis', written over a circular stamp or mark.